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Concluding speaker was Elder Clawson, who spoke frankly and firmly about the responsibilities placed upon the new bishopric.

"They are not of themselves qualified to work in the positions given them and never can be, except the Lord comes to their rescue," Elder Clawson said. "This the Lord will do if they are faithful."

He emphasized that all the persons residing in the boundaries of the new ward had been committed into the keeping of the new bishopric. "There is nothing that can arise in the ward either of a spiritual or a temporal nature but that should be of interest to the bishopric," he said. "They should be the first to detect error and should always be on hand to give advice and counsel."

"The calling of a bishop is not necessarily to be a great preacher," he continued. "It is an executive calling the same as the counselors. Those who are blessed with the gift of speaking, however, should be wise in using it. As the father of his ward the bishop always has a right to speak at meetings, and wisdom should direct his utterances. He should be to the point, be open and frank with the saints," Elder Clawson said.

He praised the members of the ward for their steadfastness in the gospel and explained the advantages they enjoyed in their rural area over those who lived in larger cities. He mentioned particularly the moral restraint that characterized smaller communities and concluded by saying that education in the Gospel is worth a great deal more to children than all the wealth of the world that could be offered.

The ward historical record said of the meeting that "The proceedings were characterized by a feeling of unity and good will and it is confident that good will result from the action taken."

When the wards were merged no action was taken to give an official name to the new unit. It wasn't until June 4, 1903, that a name was proposed and approved by the ward members.

The name was suggested during a social and reception being held in honor of the officers of the two former wards. The reception was held in the Buysville School and was under the direction of President Smart and his counselor, James C. Jensen.

After a welcome by Bishop McGuire there followed a short program of songs, readings and speeches. Bishop Wahlquist gave a history of the efforts to organize a ward on Daniels Creek and then told how Daniel Branch had been formed as part of Center Ward and Buysville Branch as part of the Charleston Ward. He then explained how they became wards and finally were united in the new ward.

Stake Clerk Joseph W. Musser is reported to have spoken in a happy, pleasant mood and to have said that he could see the foundation of a strong, prosperous organization.

President Jensen was reported as pleased with the response of the people in honor of their former officials, and spoke of the bright prospects before the ward.

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